Purchase of electricity by CIL from MPEB at higher price

†1833. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited is purchasing electricity for use in its mines from Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board at the rate of Rs. 5.30 per kw;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard and whether it is also a fact that Coal India Limited can purchase electricity at lower rates from National Thermal Power Corporation; and

(c) if so, what is the estimated price thereof and whether Coal India Limited has taken any action in this direction; if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) Subsidiaries of Coal India Limited (CIL) are purchasing power from Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board at the rate of about Rs. 5.51 per kilo watt hour, direct purchase of power from National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) will be cheaper and the expected price may be around Rs. 2.00 per kilo watt hour. Ministry of Coal, on request of CIL, has written to Ministry of Power for necessary approval in this regard.

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